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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003. A Request for Extension of Time is included herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 27-30 are pending in the present application. In light of the following remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the claims to issue.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

A. The Office Action states that claims 1-10 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and claims 11-20 and new claims 27-30 are also rejected for reasons of record. The Examiner